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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a X continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 of
 prior application Serial No. 08/448,990, filed on May 24, 1995
 entitled MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER
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The above-identified prior application in which no payment issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing of this new application. Please use all of the contents of the application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the papers for the new application.

1. ☒ Enter the Amendment previously filed on September 1997, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the application.
2. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	8- 20 =	-0-	x 22 = \$	x 11 = \$
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT NO CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$260.00	+ \$130.00
TOTAL			\$ 770.00	

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed.
5. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$ _____. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
6. ☐ A new oath or declaration is included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional matters.

7. X The prior application is assigned to Kao Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; AND Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd., Kyogo, JAPAN.

8. X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a X continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, of application Serial No. 08/448,990 filed on May 24, 1995, now abandoned.--

9. A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior application Serial No. on . See attached copy of verified statement claiming small entity.

10. Priority of application Serial No(s). filed in on is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

11. Priority of International Appln. filed on under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

12. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to RAYMOND C. STEWART (Reg. No. 21,066), JOSEPH A. KOLASCH (Reg. No. 22,463), TERRELL C. BIRCH (Reg. No. 19,382), ANTHONY L. BIRCH (Reg. No. 26,122) and/or JAMES M. SLATTERY (Reg. No. 28,380), all members of the law firm of BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH AND BIRCH, LLP, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute the application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

X The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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13. X An extension of time for one (1) month(s) until September 30, 1997 has been submitted in parent application Serial No. 08/448,990 in order to establish copendency with the present application.

14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

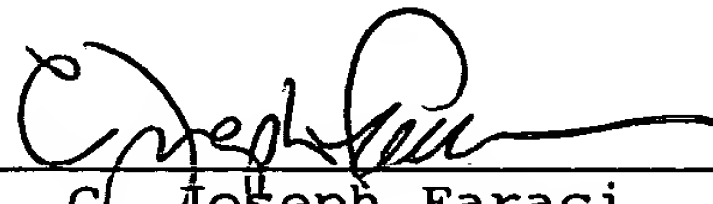
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448, including any additional filing fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or any patent application processing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 C.F.R. § 1.62 application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all of the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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